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JERUSALEM FOR GREG ANDREWS; ICA FOR VP TASK FORCE FOR PGM/GF,
WHITE HOUSE FOR MAXINE BURNS

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TAGS: OVIP MONDALE, WALTER
SUBJ: VP VISIT - BACKGROUND ON YAD VASHEM

FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND INFO ON YAD VASHEM:

1. THE NAME "YAD VASHEM" WAS TAKEN FROM THE PROPHECY OF ISAIAH:
"EVEN UNTO THEM WILL I GIVE IN MY HOUSE AND WITHIN MY WALLS
A MONUMENT AND A MEMORIAL....."

2. THE BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN 1957 BY THE ISRAELI GOVERN-
MENT IN MEMORY OF THE SIX MILLION JEWS OF EUROPE WHO WERE
SLAUGHTERED BY THE NAZIS IN WORLD WAR II.

3. "THE HALL OF REMEMBRANCE" ("OHEL YIZKOR")
IN THIS HALL, HONORED VISITORS ARE GRANTED THE "SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE" OF LIGHTING A MEMORIAL CANDLE. BUILT ON LARGE
UNHEWN BOULDERS, THE SOMBER MOSAIC FLOOR IS INSCRIBED WITH
THE NAMES OF THE 21 LARGEST CONCENTRATION AND DEATH CAMPS.

4. "WARSAW GHETTO MONUMENT"
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BRONZE-CAST REPLICA OF MONUMENT, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH STANDS
ON THE REMAINS OF THE WARSAW GHETTO IN POLAND.
CONSISTS OF TWO PARTS: I. DEPORTATION OF THE JEWS.
II. UPRISING OF THE JEWS.

5. "PILLAR OF HEROISM"
ERECTED IN HONOR OF RESISTANCE FIGHTERS. INSCRIPTIONS,

RECORDING DEEDS OF VALOR, ARE CARVED INTO STONES
BORDERING THE PATH LEADING TO THE PILLAR WHICH RISES 70
FEET HIGH.

6. THE YAD VASHEM INSTITUTE CONTAINS ARCHIVES,
PRIVATE AND COMMUNAL COLLECTIONS, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND FILMED
MATERIAL, RECORDS OF THE MARTYRED WHO ARE REGISTERED ON
"MEMORIAL PAGES", LIBRARY, READING ROOM AND "EXHIBITION":
"WITNESS AND WARNING", A DOCUMENTARY RECORD OF THE
HOLOCAUST PERIOD. LEWIS

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